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SUBJECT: ICFTU STATEMENT ON PROPOSED PORTUGUESE LABOR LAW

1. ON JANUARY 17, ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN SENT AN APPEAL TO PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES URGING HIM TO ENSURE THAT ALL LABOR LEGISLATION CONFORMS WITH ILO CONVENTIONS ON TRADE UNION FREEDOM AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION.

2. THE TEXT OF A JANUARY 17 ICFTU PRESS RELEASE, ENTITLED "ICFTU AND TRADE UNION UNITY IN PORTUGAL" AND WHICH ANNOUNCES KERSTEN'S APPEAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

"AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE PORTUGUESE COUNCIL OF
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MINISTERS IS EXAMINING AND ADOPTING A POSITION

ON THE PROPOSED TRADE UNION DECREE, THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE
UNIONS REAFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE
OF TRADE UNION UNITY PROVIDED THIS IS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE WORKERS AND
BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE. IN VIEW OF THIS
CONVICTION, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
ICFTU, OTTO KERSTEN, HAS, IN A CABLE SENT ON
FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY, APPEALED TO PRESIDENT OF
THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC, COSTA GOMES, AND
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, VASCO
GONZALVES, TO ENSURE THAT ALL TRADE UNION
LEGISLATION IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE
CONVENTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANISATION ON TRADE UNION FREEDOM AND
FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAVE BEEN
RATIFIED BY 80 COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."
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